

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:  | Richard COURTNEY           | ) | Examiner: | Unassigned |
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| Title:      | VENEER FACE PLYWOOD        | ) |           |            |
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|             | FLOORING AND METHODS       | ) |           |            |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following

Amendments and Remarks: